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## IMLI 34TH GRADUATION CEREMONY



The IMO International Maritime Law Institute held its 34th Graduation Ceremony on Friday 30 June 2023. The Ceremony marks the successful completion of an intensive year of studies in all areas of international maritime law including the law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law and ocean governance, maritime safety and security law and maritime legislation drafting, and a number of workshops and seminars.



IMLI's first simulcast Graduation Ceremony was presided over by H.E. Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and was attended by many dignitaries, including H.E. the President of the Republic of Malta, Honourable Ministers of the Maltese Government, Directors of IMO Divisions, Members of the IMLI Governing Board, esteemed Donors, Acting Head of REMPEC, Commander of the Armed Forces of Malta, Director of the International Ocean Institute and Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

During the ceremony, 53 students from 35 countries in total graduated from the Institute's Master programmes. 40 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law and 13 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation. The 2023 Graduates were welcomed to an elite network of international maritime law specialists, who have also received sterling training at IMLI.

In his Welcoming Address, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) welcomed the dignitaries and guests to the graduation ceremony, and stated that through the IMLI training, the Class of 2023 has demonstrated the capacity to think independently, to intellectually challenge the *status quo* for the benefit of all, and due to the family environment of the Institute, they enhanced qualities of character which include tolerance, compassion, and empathy.

Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivered the Graduation Address, wherein he congratulated the students of the Class of 2023 for their perseverance in achieving their goals, despite the challenges they faced.

The Valedictory Address on behalf of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 was delivered by LT. Dagoberto Ramon Astudillo (Argentina).



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering the Welcoming Address



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivering the Graduation Address



LT. Dagoberto Ramon Astudillo (Argentina)  
delivering the Valedictory Address on behalf of Class of 2022-2023

During the ceremony, the Degree of Doctor of Laws in International Maritime Law *Honoris Causa*, was bestowed upon Dr. h.c. James T. Harrison (Vice-Chairman, IMLI Governing Board and Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee) and Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia, and Member, IMLI Governing Board). Both Governors have exceptionally and relentlessly contributed to the work of the Institute.



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